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Construction of a Railway line between Hindupur and Cuddapah.

* 285 Q.—SRI G. SIVASANKARA REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government had received a suggestion from the District Development Committee, Anantapur, to recommend to the Government of India to lay a railway line between Hindupur and Cuddapah via Girantla and Kadiri;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon by the Government; and

(c) whether this Government have received any reply from the Government of India regarding the proposal?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"(a) Yes.

"(b) No action was considered necessary, as the Government of India were not prepared to consider new schemes when funds were inadequate even for sanctioned proposals.

"(c) Does not arise."

SRI G. SIVASANKARA REDDI:—"Is it not necessary for this Government to press upon the Government of India to execute his scheme immediately in view of the fact that it not only connects all the important business centres, but also provides employment in the highly famine-affected parts of the districts of Ananthapur and Cuddapah?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"Various bodies like the District Boards, the Ceded Districts Economic Development Board and the Rayalaseema Development Board have since 1944 and again in 1946, 1949 and 1952, raised this question. The Madras Board of Transport also considered this decision and recommended it every time to the Government of India. We were told that the Government of India had decided to drop the proposal. No further action was therefore found possible."

Leave Rules of Non-Gazetted officers.

* 286 Q.—SRI G. RAMA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Non-Gazetted officers have represented to the Government to adopt the leave rules under Fundamental Rules instead of the Leave Rules, 1933; and

(b) if so, what action the Government have taken in this matter?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—"(a) Yes.

"(b) The provisions relating to leave in the Fundamental Rules were considered unduly liberal and were accordingly revised in 1933 both by the Government of India and the Madras Government. The question whether the Madras Leave Rules issued in 1933 required liberalization (by replacement by the

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Fundamental Rules or by other means) was considered by the Government more than once, and it was decided that as the Madras Leave Rules, 1933, were sufficiently liberal, they needed no revision."

SRI G. RAMA RAO :—" Is not this discrimination fundamentally wrong and against the Fundamental Rights of the Constitution to apply different leave rules to Government servants serving under the same Government? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There is nothing against the provisions of the Constitution in the Madras Leave Rules."

SRI P. VENKATASUBBAYYA :—" Under the Fundamental Rules, Government servants are allowed accumulation of leave up to two and a half years whereas under the Madras Leave Rules they are allowed to accumulate leave up to 90 days only. Will the Government remove this anomaly and treat all Government servants alike? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There is no anomaly as far as the Madras Leaves Rules are concerned. The maximum an officer can accumulate is limited to ninety days."

8-50 a.m. SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" We are told now that the rules being too liberal, they were revised. May I ask the Government, in view of the fact that Government are unwilling to be liberal so far as their salaries, allowances, etc., are concerned, do they realize that they must be somewhat liberal in the matter of these leave rules? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" More leave will provide no relief; it will make them lazy and they will remain at home, and nobody will be willing to put in much work when he has to."

Uniforms to Nursing orderlies in Ophthalmic Hospital, Madras.

* 287 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the male nursing orderlies of the Government Ophthalmic Hospital, Madras, have not been supplied with uniforms this year; and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Clothing to all workers in the hospital has not yet been supplied this year by the Superintendent of Stationery. The clothing indent was forwarded to the Superintendent of Stationery on 12th June 1952 and after some correspondence on the subject since then the indent was finally retransmitted to him for very early compliance."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Is there no rule that hospital workers should invariably be given neat dress, in the interests of cleanliness of hospitals, and if there is no such rule, will the Government make such a rule? "